

LEPTIDEA SINAPIS L. (WOOD WHITE), AB. BRUNNEOMACULATA STAUDER IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. — On 8th June, 1978, we recorded a male of this apparently albinistic mutant of the Wood White in Bernwood Forest, Buckinghamshire. The black markings are replaced by pale buffy ochre and when flying the butterfly looked quite unlike a normal Wood White. According to Howarth (*South's British Butterflies*, 1973), *brunneomaculata* has been recorded a number of times, chiefly in the Midland counties, most recently in 1956. — CAROLINE PEACHEY and D. F. OWEN, Department of Biology, Oxford Polytechnic, Headington, Oxford.

PIERIS RAPAE L. ON THE ISLE OF CANNA. — I took this here for the first time on 3rd August, 1978, two males. On 7th August I found a pupa on the underside of a cabbage leaf while removing larvae of *P. brassicae* from the cabbages. This emerged, a female, on 20th August. *P. rapae* must have bred here this summer. This raises the number of butterfly species in the Canna collection to 16. There has been no sign of any migrants here this summer at all. — J. L. CAMPBELL, Isle of Canna, Hebrides.

THE DOTTED CARPET (ALCIS JUBATA THUNBERG) IN WESTER ROSS. — In view of R. G. Chatelain's note concerning this species in the Black Isle (1978, *Ent. Rec.*, **90**:172), I thought it worth recording that I found this species quite commonly at Plockton, Wester Ross, in 1975. — M. R. YOUNG, Dept. of Zoology, Aberdeen University, Aberdeen.

AN ELATERID AND A CHRYSOMELID (COL.) NEW TO THE SOUTH LONDON AREA AND PROBABLY TO WEST KENT. — While sweeping coarse grasses and mixed herbage on Woolwich Common near here on the evening of 12th July last, I found that I had netted a specimen of the very local click-beetle *Athous campyloides* Newm. (= *difformis* Lac.) — much to my surprise, since no record of it seems to exist for the South London area or indeed, as far as I know, for West Kent. As dusk fell, further specimens occurred; eventually they were coming up plurally at every few sweeps, and all males. They appeared to be confined to a strip of the eastern fringe of the common, adjacent to a busy road and to one side of a small spinney. The crepuscular and gregarious habit of the males, and the seeming lack of females, are normal for this species which I had previously taken just north of London, in Herts. (cf. *Ent. mon. Mag.*, 1945, **81**:11). Oddly enough, its habitat there was likewise close to a busy road — in fact on each side of it. Records of the beetle are not numerous and appear to be concentrated mainly in East Kent.

On 15th July, 1977, I beat a solitary example of another very local species, the leaf-beetle *Plagioderma versicolora* Laich., from a willow (*Salix fragilis* L.) at Abbey Wood — one of the few trees of its kind left in an area now "improved" to make way for new roads, used-car dumps, and such like manifestations of what is euphemistically termed "progress", yet retaining a curiously rich insect fauna right up to last year. The beetle proved to be a female and laid many eggs, whence